

FIRST READERS IN HOUSE
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 2023
FORTIETH LEGISLATIVE DAY

*Rules Suspended

[HB 830.](#)

By Representatives Silcox of the 53rd, Evans of the 57th, Daniel of the 117th, Drenner of the 85th, Reeves of the 99th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide comprehensive state civil rights law protecting individuals from discrimination in housing, public accommodations, and employment; to provide for legislative findings and intent; to amend Article 4 of Chapter 3 of Title 8 of the O.C.G.A., relating to fair housing, so as to prohibit discrimination in housing; to amend Title 10 of the O.C.G.A., relating to commerce and trade, so as to protect the right to equal enjoyment of and privileges to public accommodations; to amend Chapter 1 of Title 34 and Title 45 of the O.C.G.A., relating to labor and industrial relations generally and public officers and employees, respectively, so as to prohibit discrimination in private and public employment; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY

[HB 831.](#)

By Representative Powell of the 33rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 6 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Legislative Retirement System, so as to match the retirement benefit amounts payable to former legislators upon retirement and to currently retired legislators in retirement to those benefits which are payable upon retirement to legislators who are in office on or after January 1, 2022; to provide for related matters; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on RETIREMENT

[HB 832.](#)

By Representative Powell of the 33rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 41 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to residential and general contractors, so as to change certain provisions as to eligibility for licensure without examination; to eliminate certain

exceptions; to change a definition; to change cross-references to eliminated provisions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

[HB 833.](#)

By Representatives Carson of the 46th, Crowe of the 118th, Lumsden of the 12th, Hitchens of the 161st, and Corbett of the 174th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to retirement and pensions, so as to reduce certain waiting periods and application deadlines for the establishment or reestablishment of creditable service in the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia and the Public School Employees Retirement System; to provide for related matters; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on RETIREMENT

[HB 834.](#)

By Representatives Powell of the 33rd, Smith of the 18th, and Leverett of the 123rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 24-4-414 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to evidence of similar transaction crimes in child molestation cases, so as to provide for the grooming of a child to engage in sexual conduct be considered admissible evidence in criminal proceedings; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUVENILE JUSTICE

[HB 835.](#)

By Representatives Meeks of the 178th, Corbett of the 174th, Bentley of the 150th, Carpenter of the 4th, and Scoggins of the 14th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 47 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia, so as to create an option for the full-time employment of beneficiaries under certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on RETIREMENT

[HB 836.](#)

By Representatives Scoggins of the 14th, Gullett of the 19th, Bonner of the 73rd, Kelley of the 16th, Knight of the 134th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to health of elementary and secondary school students, so as to

provide for the safety of students; to require multiple occupancy restrooms and changing areas in public schools to be designated for exclusive use by males or females; to provide for reasonable accommodations; to provide for exceptions; to provide for public school and local school system policies; to provide for sleeping quarter arrangements on overnight field trips; to provide for investigation of complaints of noncompliance by the Professional Standards Commission; to provide for sanctions; to provide for a cause of action; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on EDUCATION

[HB 837.](#)

By Representatives Barrett of the 24th, Jones of the 25th, McDonald of the 26th, Cox of the 28th, Jasperse of the 11th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Forsyth County Board of Registrations and Elections, approved March 31, 1987 (Ga. L. 1987, p. 5381), as amended, so as to revise provisions relating to the start and end date of board member terms; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION -
LOCAL

[HB 838.](#)

By Representatives Rhodes of the 124th, McClain of the 109th, Collins of the 71st, Williams of the 148th, and Douglas of the 78th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 39 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation of employment of minors, so as to require the establishment of trust accounts for certain minors who are employed or compensated; to provide for requirements related to such trust accounts; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INDUSTRY AND LABOR

[HB 839.](#)

By Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Hutchinson of the 106th, Cooper of the 45th, Powell of the 33rd, and Ridley of the 6th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 10A of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professional counselors, social workers, and marriage and family therapists, so as to enter into an interstate compact known as the "Social Work Licensure Compact"; to authorize the Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers, and Marriage and Family Therapists to administer the

compact in this state; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INTERSTATE COOPERATION

[HB 840.](#)

By Representatives Fleming of the 114th, McDonald of the 26th, Scoggins of the 14th, Barrett of the 24th, Crowe of the 118th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions as pertaining to torts, so as to provide for a right of action against any person who knowingly or negligently engages in sexually explicit conduct in the presence of a minor or who knowingly or negligently allows, permits, encourages, or requires a minor to be present while another engages in sexually explicit conduct in the presence of such minor; to provide for defenses; to provide for damages; to provide for limitations; to provide for definitions; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY

[HB 841.](#)

By Representatives Beverly of the 143rd, Draper of the 90th, and Roberts of the 52nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to organization and members of the Public Service Commission, so as to provide for members of the Public Service Commission to be elected from election districts instead of state wide; to change the description of the election districts for members of the Public Service Commission; to provide for manner of election and terms of office; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

[*HB 846.](#)

By Representative Leverett of the 123rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Subpart 2 of Part 6 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to conditions of employment in elementary and secondary education, so as to require local school systems to annually notify employees whether social security taxes will be withheld from their pay and whether they are eligible to be included in certain benefits, pension, or retirement plans; to provide for public school employees to receive information regarding pension and

retirement plans; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on EDUCATION

[HR 653.](#)

By Representatives Carter of the 93rd, Kendrick of the 95th, and Moore of the 91st:

A RESOLUTION urging the Rockdale County Board of Commissioners to hire a professional county manager or administrator to oversee the day-to-day operations of the county; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION -
LOCAL

[HR 712.](#)

By Representatives Gambill of the 15th, Erwin of the 32nd, Scoggins of the 14th, and Mathis of the 149th:

A RESOLUTION urging the Georgia High School Association to move golf to the fall season; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on EDUCATION

[*HR 749.](#)

By Representatives Panitch of the 51st, Carson of the 46th, and Cox of the 28th:

A RESOLUTION condemning Jew-hatred in all of its forms and resolving to end the persecution and discrimination against the Jewish community; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on RULES